

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 1 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A charging roller for a contact charging assembly, comprising a conductive substrate, an elastic layer which covers the periphery of the conductive substrate, and a seamless tube externally so fitted as to cover the periphery of the elastic layer,

wherein said seamless tube constitutes a surface layer of the charging roller, and

wherein said charging roller has a surface of 3.0 μm or less in ten-point average roughness R_z jis 94, and 0.10 mm or less in roughness curve average length R_{Sm} ,

[[R_{Sm} .]]

wherein said seamless tube comprises:

(A) a thermoplastic styrene elastomer, and

(B) a high-impact-resistant polystyrene HIPS;

and a proportion of the component (A) to the composition (B) is $(A)/(B) = 80/20$ to $40/60$ in weight ratio.

2. **(Original)** The charging roller according to claim 1, wherein said seamless tube comprises a high-impact polystyrene HIPS.

3. **(Canceled)**

4. **(Original)** The charging roller according to claim 1, wherein said seamless tube comprises a multi-layer structure having a plurality of layers.

5. **(Original)** A process cartridge comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and the charging roller according to claim 1 which are integrally supported together, and being detachably mountable on a main body of an electrophotographic apparatus.

6. **(Original)** An electrophotographic apparatus comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and the charging roller according to claim 1.